De Gaulle JFK

PARIS (AP) — Silence and skepticism were the main reactions today to a French journalist's book reporting that President Charles de Gaulle believes police were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy and the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald.

De Gaulle's office refused to comment on the report by Raymond Tournoux that the French president said of the assassination: "The police did the job, or else they pulled the strings or else they let it happen. In any case they were involved."

Police Chief Charles Batchelor of Dallas said: "We are standing on the reports of the investigation by the Warren Commission and will have no comment on the statements attributed to General de Gaulle."

THE White House also refused comment. Asked if De Gaulle had ever told the U.S. government he had such a view of the

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Dennis O'Keefe Sure He'll Whip Cancer

ROCHESTER, Minn. (UPI) — Confident that he would beat "Charlie C", actor Dennis O'Keefe left Rochester, Minn., for Los Angeles yesterday.

O'Keefe, who suffers from cancer in the chest, had one lung removed by Mayo Clinic surgeons Oct. 5. He plans to taek cobalt treatments at the UCLA medical center in Los Angeles. He calls the disease "Charlie C."

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assassination, White House press secretary George Christian replied: "I never heard of it at all until this moment."

Exerpts from the 700-page book "The General's Tragedy" (La Tragedie du General), were published in the magazine Paris Match.

The Warren Commission said Oswald killed the President and there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

Tournoux, who has access to persons close to De Gaulle, did not present the passages as an interview with De Gaulle and he offered no explanation of the origin of the direct quotes attributed to the President.

TOURNOUX wrote that De Gaulle is convinced Oswald was used by police as a front man and that he said: "They tried to make it seem that the guy acted as a hothead and through love of Communism. This was to have touched off a Communist witch hunt to distract attention."

According to De Gaulle's reported view, after Kennedy was slain, Oswald was to have been killed quickly but fled, killed a policeman and was then arrested.

On the shooting of Oswald by Jack Ruby, De Gaulle is quoted: "A trial. That would have been terrible. Everyone would have talked. That would have stirred up things. So the police found someone to kill the false assassin under the pretext of defending the memory of Kennedy. What a joke."

Tournoux, 53, is a journalist specializing in coverage of the French Parliament and government.